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Maa Chandraghanta is the third incarnation of Maa Durga and worshipped on third Navratra.

Maa Chandraghanta has weapons in her hands. She rides on Tiger. This day has specific significance as on this day the soul of worshipper enters in 'Manipur Chakra'. By the

blessings of this Devi one gets rid of enemies, bad souls and gets politeness & courage. Mantra to be recited nine times on this day is :-

"Om Kleeng Hareeng Aing Bhagwati Chandraghanta Mum Sarwam Bandhan Naashe Naashe Swaha

ॐ क्लीं ह्रीं ऐं भगवती चन्द्रघंटा मम सर्वम् बन्धन नाशय नाशय स्वाहा

# Amit Shah's J&K visit rescheduled to Oct 4, 5: Raina

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jammu and Kashmir from September 30 has been postponed and he will arrive next week to address two mega rallies, a senior BJP leader said Tuesday.

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, who visited Rajouri and Baramulla the venues of the two public rallies said all necessary security arrangements have been

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina said the home minister's visit has been rescheduled for October 4 and 5 when he will tour Rajouri in Jammu and Baramulla in north Kashmir and address public rallies.

Earlier, he was supposed to reach Jammu on a three-day visit to the Union Territory on September 30 and hold public meetings in Rajouri on October 1 and Baramulla on October 2.

"I received a call from the

J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina talking to reporters on Tuesday

# **DIV COM REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS**

SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole on Tuesday visited Baramulla to review the arrangements for the upcoming visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the district.

Shah was scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir from September 30, but on Tuesday the visit was postponed and he will now arrive on October 4 to address two mega rallies in Rajouri and Baramulla.

Divisional Commissioner Pole visited Showkat Ali Stadium at Khawaja Bagh in Baramulla to take stock of the arrangements put in place ahead of the VVIP visit, an official spokesman said.

He was accompanied by DGP Dilbagh Singh; ADGP, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar; Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Sehrish Asgar and others. Pole chaired a meeting at the Conference Hall, Dak Banglow, where **CONTD ON PAGE 9** 

office of the Home Minister and was told that since Prime Minister Narendra Modi has left for Tokyo for the state funeral of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Shah has to stay at the national capital and cannot attend any function outside it," Raina, who is currently on a tour of Rajouri to supervise arrangements for the rally, said.

Earlier in the day, the police chief, accompanied by Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh visited Rajouri and chaired a high-level meeting to review the arrangements in connection with the VVIP's visit.

He visited Baramulla in north Kashmir the previous

"All required security arrangements are being made (for the visit of the Union home minister." the police chief told reporters in

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# Comprehensive plan in place to deal with terror, anti-national elements: DGP

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

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JAMMU: Amid a widespread crackdown against Popular Front of India, Director General of Jammu and Kashmir Police Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said a comprehensive plan is in place to deal with terror and anti-national elements in the country.

The police chief further said action against the terror networks would definitely have a positive impact and there was no need to look at the country-wide raids from a communal angle.

Singh was talking to reporters on the sidelines of the award distribution ceremony of the 11th J&K Shooting Championship, organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Rifle Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council and the National Rifle Association of India from September 20 to September 27 here.

"There is a very comprehensive kind of plan in place

state exchequer. It was also

found that excess payment

was drawn in 30 works exe-

cuted in Block Dali

Udhyanpur, District Doda by



DGP Dilbag Singh along with other senior officers during visit to Rajouri.

JeM ultra killed in encounter

at Kulgam

to deal with terror elements and also those who are antinational. Any action against the terror networks will weaken such groups and will definitely have a positive impact," he said.

More than 150 people allegedly linked with the PFI were detained or arrested in raids across seven states on Tuesday, five days after a similar pan India crackdown against the group often

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SRINAGAR: A member of

proscribed terror outfit

Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM)

has been killed in an ongo-

ing encounter with securi-

ty forces in Jammu and

Kashmir's Kulgam dis-

trict, police said on

The security forces had

launched a cordon-and-

operation in

Tuesday.

search

accused of being linked to radical Islam.

Meanwhile, In connection with the VVIP visit, the Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh also visited Rajouri and reviewed the security arrangement for the visit in an officers meeting held at DPO Rajouri.

The DGP was received by ADGP, Jammu Mukesh Singh and other senior

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# Put in place robust mechanism to regulate traffic on Jammu-Srinagar NH: Admn to officials

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Amid outrage over stranding of fruit-laden trucks on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway for days together, Jammu Kashmir Secretary A K Mehta on Tuesday stressed on putting in place a robust mechanism to regulate traffic of heavy motor vehicles (HMV) at critical points on the vital stretch. Mehta was speaking at a meeting convened here to take stock of the traffic movement on the 270-kilometre highway, the only all roadlinking Kashmir with rest of the official country, an

#### Police rescue 6-month-old baby; abductor arrested

## STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Barely a few hours after a six-month-old baby was kidnapped from the district government hospital, police rescued him and also nabbed the woman abductor, officials

Police had earlier in the day said a burqa clad woman had kidnapped the baby boy and had circulated the kidnapper's pictures which they obtained from CCTV footage. They had also announced a reward of Rs 10,000 for those helping them in tracing the child. Kishtwar Senior Superintendent of Police Shafqat Hussain Bhat said the baby was rescued from Kishtwar itself and he thanked the people and the media for the support.

The accused has been taken into custody and she is being investigated, the SSP said. The locals raised pro-police slogans for rescuing the baby within



# spokesman said.

He said the meeting was attended by senior officers from divisional and district administrations. traffic department, police and the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Tuesday warned that she, along with drivers of fruit-laden trucks, will block the Srinagar-Jammu national highway if the vehicles are not allowed a smooth

Fruit growers of Kashmir on Monday held a demonstration here against the alleged stopping of

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr

Arun Kumar Mehta on

Tuesday said that Jammu

and Kashmir is being given

utmost priority in installa-

tion of smart meters and

stressed that all these 7 lakh

meters must be installed and

made operational by March

Chairing a review meeting

of the power sector in

Jammu & Kashmir, he also

called for repairing dysfunc-

tional meters putting an end

to the flat-rate system of

The Chief Secretary was

informed about the status of

billing by the department.

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# ACB registers FIR against VLWs, JEs, others for drawl of payments against fictitious bills ing a loss of Rs 18,75,307 on

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu has registered a case against Khalid Najeeb Molvi Village Level Worker (VLW), Gupta Junior Tarun Engineer (JE), Shafqat Hussain JE, Naseer Rashid GRS, Amit Kumar TA, Akhter Hussain MPW, Tanveer Ahmad Shah JE, Nelofar Akhter, the then VLW; Mansoor Hussain VLW, Abdul Rehman GRS, Ghulam Rasool Butt MPW (now retired), Sajad Ahmed, the then GRS; Abdul Majid, the then MPW; Maroofa Begum, then GRS Block

Smart metering in Jammu, Srinagar

to be done by March 2023: CS

1.15 lakh smart meters being

installed in Jammu and

Srinagar cities in addition to

the additional 6 lakh meters

It was informed that 91%

to be installed subsequently.

Dali Udhyanpur, Rahila Parveen, then GRS, Fareed Ahmed Natnoo, then VLW, son of Ghulam Ahmed Natnoo, resident of village Brishalla, Doda and others for drawl of payments against fictitious bills, inflated billing for material and non-existent works in Block Dali, Udhyanpur, District Doda.

According to ACB, a preliminary enquiry was conducted by ACB Doda to look into the allegations of drawl of payments by ACDs, BDOs and REW Doda against fictitious bills, inflated billing for material, drawl of payment against non-existent works Block Dali Udhyanpur District Doda with effect from 2014 to 2018.

During probe, it was found that a total of 1386 works under different heads have been executed for the period in question. Out of said 1386 works, 118 works were inspected randomly during probe and loss was detected in 29 works on account of less execution on ground, escalated entries in M.Book etc. besides, a work namely construction of P/Path at Gowari to road Panchayat Seel Udhyanpur was found non-existent, thereby inflict-

### COVID: 18 new cases in J&K

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded 18 fresh Covid cases on Tuesday that took the infection tally to 4,79,102, officials said.

Of the new cases, seven were reported from Jammu division while 11 were registered in the Kashmir valley, they said.

The death toll stands at 4,785. No Covid-related fatality was reported from the Union Territory, officials said. There are 145 active cases while the number of recoveries have reached 4,74,172, they said, adding that there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus).

the then BDO on the basis of measurements taken and bills prepared by respective JEs/VLWs/GRSs.

ACB found that the above named officials, under a wellknit conspiracy with others, dishonestly and fraudulently by abuse of their official position, for their ulterior motives and pecuniary gains, by drawl of fudging of record, managed payment

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Kulgam's Ahwatoo area information following about the presence of terrorists there, a police official said. He said the search opera-

tion turned into an encounter after the ultras

opened fire on the security forces, who retaliated. Additional General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir Vijay Kumar said

two JeM ultras were trapped in the cordoned "Two local #terrorists of proscribed #terror outfit

JeM trapped in the ongoing #encounter. Both the trapped terrorists are involved in several terror crime cases," Kumar said in a tweet.

A police spokesperson said one of the two ultras was shot dead while the operation was still in progress.

2 drug-peddlers detained in Doda, Udhampur

# ANTF recovers over 26 Kg Hashish, arrests two inter-state narco smugglers

### STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH/JAMMU: Two men were detained in Doda and Udhampur districts on Tuesday for their alleged involvement in drug  ${\it trafficking, police said.}$ 

They have been booked under Provisions of Illicit trafficking in Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act, they said.

Sadam Hussain Zargar alias Sanam Poonchi, a resident of Chinote-Bhaderwah. was detained under the act for his repeated involvement in drug trafficking, Senior

Superintendent of Police (Doda) Abdul Qayoom said.

Meanwhile, Krishan Lal, a resident of Ramnagar, was also detained under the PIT NDPS Act for his repeated involvement in selling and distributing contraband substances in Udhampur district, a police spokesman said.

The SSP said two cases under NDPS act stand registered against Zargar, one each in Jammu and Bhaderwah.

"After obtaining sanctions from the district Magistrate Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan,

Zargar was detained under PIT NDPS and shifted to district Jail Bhaderwah, the officer said.

He said 36 cases have been registered against 40 drug peddlers during the current year, while 32 drug peddlers were detained under preventive custody.

A dossier was prepared against Lal on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police Udhampur Vinod Kumar and after obtaining sanction from the competent authority, the drug peddlers have been detained and

# Army boosting surveillance, fire power capability along frontier with China

endurance of four hours,"

At present, almost all UAVs

in the Army's inventory are

being operated by the Army

said a source.

Aviation units.

of the installed smart meters

are already communicating

and more than 64 thousand

of those meters have been

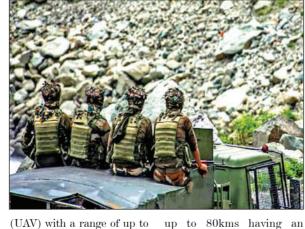
billed by June 2022.

### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: The Army has significantly bolstered its fire power along the frontier with China by deploying a range of rockets and artillery weapons and plans to procure an array of additional systems, including 100 K9 Vajra howitzers and UAVs, to augment combat prowess.

The Artillery units of the Indian Army already deployed K-9 Vajra Tracked Self-Propelled Howitzers, ultra-light M-777 howitzers, Pinaka rocket systems and Dhanush gun systems.

Sources in the defence establishment said the Army plans to equip its Artillery units along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting

to review working of power sector in J&K.

(UAV) with a range of up to 90 kms.

"We are looking at procuring UAVs having a range of 15-20 kms as well as those having capabilities to carry out surveillance at a range of

is set to procure a new batch of 100 more K9 Vajras howitzers, in addition to 100 such guns ordered in 2017. "The Defence Acquisition Council has cleared the pro-

The sources said the Army

posal for ordering 100 more K9 Vajras. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued soon," the source said. The K9 Vajras were origi-

nally procured for deployment in deserts, but following the eastern Ladakh standoff, the Army deployed a significant number of the howitzers in that high-altitude region. The sources said minor

adjustments were made for deployment of the tracked howitzers in eastern Ladakh. "We are also procuring win-

terisation kits so the howitzers work in sub-zero temperature," the source said, adding the Vajra guns are roaring in high altitude area along Northern borders.

The sources said the Army is also in the process of procuring Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System, commonly known as ATAGS, and Mounted Gun Systems

They said induction of advanced Pinaka more weapon systems is in the offing, adding six more regiments of the systems are being procured and their delivery would commence

The sources said the new Pinaka regiments will

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# Crime Branch nabs fraudster for cheating

#### STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Crime Branch

Wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police has nabbed one Navdeep Singh, son of Nirmal Singh, resident of House No 15, Sector-4, Sanjay Nagar, Jammu for cheating and fraud.

official As per an spokesperson, the sleuths of Crime Branch received a written complaint alleging therein that Navdeep Singh, claiming himself as proprietor of NAS Enterprises, Malik Market, Channi Rama, Jammu approached the complainant and said that he has been given a contract for installation of 13 HVDS Electrical Poles at DT, 56 Sector-4, Channi Himmat, Jammu along with installation of 32

HVDS Electrical Poles at RC Feeder 1, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. "It was further alleged that accused along with his other accomplices promised to pay Rs 12,000 per pole to complainant, and under a well-knit conspiracy with dishonest intention, allured a sum of Rs 4.5 lakh from complainant as advance money through cheques and cash for installation of electric poles," the official said, adding that after a prelimiverification, FIR nary 26/2022 under sections 420. 120-B of RPC was registered at Police Station Crime Branch, Jammu for in-depth investigation. Accordingly, a team of

Special Crime Branch, Jammu arrested the

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Min: 4

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